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SUBJECT: USG TUNA ALLOCATION PROPOSAL

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF U.S. PROPOSAL RE ALLOCATIONS
WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS DURING INFORMAL CON-
SULTATIONS RE TUNA IN MEXICO CITY AUGUST 8-10:

2. BEGIN TEXT: ANNEX B, TITLE: ALLOCATION. (1)
ALL SPECIES OR STOCKS SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS WHICH
LIMIT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALLOWABLE ANNUAL CATCH SHALL
BE SUBJECT TO ALLOCATION OF THEIR ALLOWABLE CATCH;
THESE SPECIES OR STOCKS SHALL BE TERMED QUOTE REGU-
LATED UNQUOTE. ALL OTHER SPECIES OR STOCKS SHALL NOT
BE SUBJECT TO ALLOCATION OF THEIR CATCH.

(2) ALL CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH ARE COASTAL STATES
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OF THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR
CERTAIN PREFERENCES WHICH DEPEND UPON THE STATE OF
DEVELOPMENT OF THE COASTAL STATE'S FISHERIES, AS DE-
TERMINED BY AGREEMENT OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.
COASTAL STATES WITH FISHERIES IN AN EARLY STAGE OF
DEVELOPMENT SHALL RECEIVE A PREFERENCE IN THE FORM OF
A GUARANTEED ANNUAL ALLOCATION OF CATCH OF A REGULATED

SPECIES OR STOCK SO AS TO AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF

THE TUNA FISHERIES OF THOSE STATES. THE STATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF COASTAL STATES' FISHERIES SHALL BE REVIEWED EVERY (BLANK) YEARS OR AT SUCH TIME AS ANY ADDITIONAL SPECIES OR STOCKS MAY BECOME REGULATED.

COASTAL STATES WITH DEVELOPED FISHERIES SHALL RECEIVE PREFERENCE IN THE FORM OF A CLOSED SEASON ALLOCATION OF CATCH OF A REGULATED SPECIES OR STOCK TO AID DISADVANTAGED VESSELS THAT NO LONGER ARE ABLE TO COMPETE IN THE FISHERY.

(3) VESSELS OF MEMBER STATES RECEIVING A GUARANTEED ANNUAL ALLOCATION SHALL BEGIN FISHING AGAINST THAT ALLOCATION AT THE START OF THE OPEN SEASON. VESSELS OF MEMBER STATES RECEIVING A GUARANTEED ANNUAL ALLOCATION WHICH CATCH THEIR ALLOCATION PRIOR TO THE SEASON CLOSURE MAY CONTINUE TO FISH FREELY UNTIL THE SEASON IS CLOSED. VESSELS OF MEMBER STATES RECEIVING A GUARANTEED ANNUAL ALLOCATION WHICH DO NOT CATCH THEIR ALLOCATION PRIOR TO THE SEASON CLOSURE MAY CONTINUE TO FISH FREELY DURING THE CLOSED SEASON UNTIL THE ALLOCATION IS REACHED.

(4) A GUARANTEED ANNUAL ALLOCATION FOR AN ELIGIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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COASTAL STATE SHALL BE DETERMINED USING AN HISTORICAL ANNUAL AVERAGE CATCH FROM A REGULATED SPECIES OR STOCK CAUGHT BY ITS FLAG VESSELS WITHIN ITS OWN 200-MILE ZONE, PLUS A PERCENTAGE OF THE CATCH FROM THE SAME REGULATED SPECIES OR STOCK BY THE FLAG VESSELS OF ALL OTHER FLEETS WITHIN THE COASTAL STATE'S 200-MILE ZONE DURING THE SAME PERIOD. THE INITIAL BASE PERIOD AND PERCENTAGE OF CATCH FOR ALL CURRENTLY REGULATED SPECIES OR STOCKS SHALL BE THE YEARS 1973-1977 AND (BLANK) PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY. A SCHEDULE OF THE GUARANTEED ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS AGREED UPON BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES SHALL BE AFFIXED TO THIS ANNEX AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR TEN YEARS.

THE INITIAL BASE PERIOD AND PERCENTAGE OF CATCH FOR ANY ADDITIONAL SPECIES OR STOCKS WHICH MIGHT BE REGULATED PURSUANT TO THE CONVENTION SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY AGREEMENT OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

(5) GUARANTEED ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS IN THE AGGREGATE FOR COASTAL STATES WITH FISHERIES IN AN EARLY STAGE

OF DEVELOPMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED (BLANK) PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL CATCH QUOTA ESTABLISHED BY THE ORGANIZATION FOR ANY CURRENTLY REGULATED SPECIES OR STOCK.

THE PERCENTAGE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL SPECIES OR STOCKS WHICH MIGHT BE REGULATED PURSUANT TO THE CONVENTION SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY AGREEMENT OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

(6) THE CLOSED SEASON ALLOCATION FOR DISADVANTAGED VESSELS OF COASTAL STATES WITH DEVELOPED FISHERIES SHALL BE DETERMINED AS ONE-HALF THE FISH HOLD CAPACITY OF THE FLAG VESSELS DESIGNATED AS ELIGIBLE BY THE APPROPRIATE COASTAL STATES AND SHALL NOT EX-
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CEED (BLANK) PERCENT OF AN ANNUAL CATCH QUOTA OF A REGULATED SPECIES OR STOCK FOR EACH ELIGIBLE COASTAL STATE. THE APPORTIONMENT OF CLOSED SEASON ALLOCATIONS AMONG DISADVANTAGED VESSELS OF A COASTAL STATE SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THAT STATE.

(7) THE FLAG VESSELS OF ANY COASTAL STATE WITH DEVELOPED FISHERIES SHALL BE PERMITTED TO FISH FOR ANY REGULATED SPECIES OR STOCKS WITHOUT RESTRICTION ON THE QUANTITY UNTIL SUCH VESSELS RETURN TO PORT FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER CLOSURE OF THE UNRESTRICTED FISHERY.

(8) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 7, RESTRICTIONS MAY BE PLACED UPON THE LAST OPEN TRIPS BY THE ORGANIZATION SO THAT THE ANNUAL CATCH QUOTA FOR A REGULATED SPECIES OR STOCK SET BY THE ORGANIZATION IS NOT EXCEEDED.

(9) TO REGULATE THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL CATCH OF A REGULATED SPECIES OR STOCK, THE SCIENTIFIC STAFF AT THE START OF EACH FISHING SEASON SHALL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF EACH GUARANTEED ANNUAL ALLOCATION AND EACH CLOSED SEASON ALLOCATION THAT IS EXPECTED TO GO UNUSED DURING THE FISHING SEASON AND SHALL MAKE THE AGGREGATE UNUSED AMOUNT AVAILABLE TO VESSELS FISHING DURING THE OPEN SEASON. THIS PROVISION SHALL ALSO APPLY TO VESSELS WHICH QUALIFY FOR A LAST FREE TRIP.

(10) IN THE NINTH YEAR, THE CONTRACTING PARTIES SHALL REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALLOCATION PROVISIONS AND SHALL DECIDE WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY,
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SHOULD BE MADE IN THE SYSTEM OF ALLOCATIONS.
END OF WRITTEN TEXT.

3. THERE FOLLOWS A CHART WHICH IS PART OF ANNEX B
ABOVE.

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4. CHART IS ENTITLED QUOTE: EXAMPLE CALCULATIONS OF
GUARANTEED ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS OF CYRA YELLOWFIN TUNA
PAREN SHORT TONS CLOSE PAREN BASED ON ANNEX B AND THE
1973-1977 PERIOD. END OF TITLE. BEGIN CHART:

HEADINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

COUNTRY, (A) FOOTNOTE 1, (B) FOOTNOTE 2, (C)
SUBHEADING UNDER (C) IS (A) PLUS X PERCENT OF (B)
THREE COLUMNS UNDER (C) READ 30 PERCENT, 50 AND 60.

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MEXICO	10,439	29,649	19,334	25,264	28,228
NICARAGUA	0	1,564	469	782	938
PANAMA	1,017	9,111	3,750	5,572	6,484

TOTALS	11,679	62,109	30,311	42,734	48,944
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FOOTNOTES FOLLOW: 1. AVERAGE ANNUAL CATCH BY FLAG
VESSELS OF THE COUNTRY WITHIN ITS OWN 200-MILE ZONE.
DATA FROM IATTC (7/17/78).

FOOTNOTE 2: AVERAGE ANNUAL CATCH BY FLAG VESSELS OF
FLEETS OTHER THAN THE COUNTRY WITHIN ITS 200-MILE
ZONE. DATA FROM IATTC (6/16/78). END ENTIRE TEXT
OF ANNEX B.

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